

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/678,650 Confirmation No. : 7623  
First Named Inventor : Regine Hakenbeck  
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TC/A.U. : 1637  
Examiner : Cynthia B. Wilder  
  
Docket No. : 104049.B270037  
Customer No. : 23911  
  
Title : DNA Probes, Method and Kit for Identifying Antibiotic-  
Resistant Strains of Bacteria

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2008. A ONE month extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.